

Serial No. 10/811,542
12 July 2006 Reply to
01 May 2006 Office Action

Amendments to the Drawings

Please make the amendments to the drawings as shown in the attached Replacement Sheets.

Remarks

Claims 7-11, 14, 15, 21, 23, and 24 are pending. Claims 16-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 7-12 and 14-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claims 7, 14, and 21 have been amended. Claims 12, 13, 16-20, and 22 have been cancelled.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Drawings:

In regard to the objections to the drawings, the drawings and/or specification have been amended accordingly.

Specification:

In regard to the objection(s) to the specification, the specification has been amended accordingly.

Claim Objections:

In regard to the objection(s) to the claims, claims 13 and 22 have been cancelled, making the objection(s) moot.

35 USC 112, Second Paragraph (Claims 16-24):

In regard to the rejection of claims 16-21, claim 16 has been cancelled and claim 21 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

35 USC 103(a) (Claims 7-11, 15-17, 20; Dor/Alfernness):

In regard this rejection, in an effort to expedite allowance of the present application, the allowable subject matter from claim 13 has been added to claim 7 and claims 16, 17, and 20 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 7-11 and 15 should be in condition for allowance.

35 USC 103(a) (Claims 12, 14, 18, 19; Dor/Alferness/Kugel):

In regard this rejection, in an effort to expedite allowance of the present application, the allowable subject matter from claim 13 has been added to claim 7 and claims 12, 18 and 19 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claim 14 should be in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter:

In regard to the indicated allowable claim subject matter, the allowable subject matter from claim 13 has been added to claim 7, claim 21 has been amended, and claim 22 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 7-11, 14, 15, 21, 23, and 24 should be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that they do not acquiesce to any of the positions set forth in the Office Action(s). If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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